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Dear all,

Wellcome to the 2015 summer eddition of the YEBN newsletter. We are happy to announce the election of a new YEBN executive board in our last annual meeting, go to page 2 and 3 to know more about this meeting. You can learn the latest news on European directives for the use of animals in research on page 4. And last but not less, go to page 5 to read about the online seminars that YEBN is offering you.

Enjoy your reading!

The YEBN team!

The new YEBN executive board

After our annual meeting on the 9th of May 2015 in Gdansk (Poland) we are happy to announce the composition of the new executive board:

Mathilde Bichelberger
Chairwoman

“Join the young European platform to share and build up your career!”



Kamila Kozłowska
Vice-Chairwoman

“Get inspired! Get involved!”



Carmen Aguirre
Communication officer and Treasurer

“Get to know your opportunities and help YEBN create new ones!”



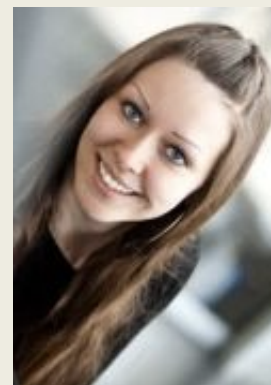
Janina Juengert
Secretary

“Let us work together for progress and success!”



Janine Jung
Sponsoring officer and Vice-treasurer

“YEBN is an absolutely inspiring and motivating experience with a lot of flair from abroad!”



Follow the link to learn more!
<http://www.yebn.eu/about-yebn/executive-board/>



And we kept working in Gdansk...

Once the executive board was elected, a lot of work had to be done. The election was followed by important discussions that would define the aims of an even better YEBN. The major topic was the new statutes, which are required to move the legal site of YEBN to Germany and found YEBN e.V.. Since we are still working on the statutes you better don't miss our next newsletter!



Joanna (ASSB), Szymon (ASSB), Kamila (YEBN EB), Andreas (BtS), David (YSN), Carmen (YEBN EB), Martin (YSN) and Katharina (former YEBN EB) took part in this very productive annual meeting in Gdansk.



YEBN supports an European directive for the protection of animals used on research

YEBN, together with many other associations and companies in Europe, has signed the statement proposed by the European Animal Research Association (EARA) to support the European Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for Scientific Purposes.

Considering the the crucial breakthroughs for medicine that the use of animals has enabled, this statement supports the use of animals on research when there is no alternative method available and significant potencial benefits are expected.

In addition, the use of animal in research should accomplish the 3 Rs:

- Replacement: when possible, the use of anymals should be replaced with alternative methods
- Reduction: minimise the number of animals
- Refinement: minimise animal suffering

More information on:

http://www.labtimes.org/epaper/LT_15_04.pdf

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/About-us/Policy/Spotlight-issues/EU-affairs/Animals/index.htm#>



YEBN is offering online training workshops!

Would you like to tap into the collective knowledge of YEBN? If you are a board member or group leader of our national/regional member organisations, we would like to invite you to take part in our monthly evening seminars. Here you have the opportunity to

- *Share experiences instead of re-inventing the wheel*
- *Acquire new skills (e.g. leadership, communication, project management)*
- *Discuss best practices and promising strategies in societal work*

After our summer break, we are back on Wed. 16th September with a seminar on sponsorship acquisition. Autumn is the time when companies are planning what to do with next year's budget, so it's the best time to call them.

If you are interested to attend, please register at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g9S6A3sudtnrk5hjoDmu-04VKiC0d1488kE0853EP-1/viewform?usp=send_form

